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SUBJ:CLEARANCE OF R/V MELVILLE - VISIT OF EGYPTIAN

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1. MFA BY NOTE DATED JUNE 28 HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT CLEARANCE HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR R/V MELVILLE TO "ENGAGE IN ALL SCIENTIFIC AND GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN EGYPTIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE RED SEA". ALTHOUGH EMBASSY DID NOT ASK FOR TERRITORIAL WATERS CLEARANCE, AND HAD PASSED BOTH COORDINATES GIVEN US AND CONTENTS REF (A) TO MFA; HOWEVER FULL CLEARANCE PROCESS WAS WELL ALONG AT THAT TIME AND OUR REQUEST WAS TREATED AS COMPREHENSIVE INCLUDING WATERS WITHIN EGYPTIAN JURISTICTION AMB DAOUD, MFA IN GIVING NOTE TO SCIATT SAID THAT "COPY SHOULD BE GIVEN MELVILLE TO DISPLAY IN EVENT OF ANY CHALLENGE IN EGYPTIAN WATERS".

2. DR. BAYOUMI, DIR INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND FISHERIES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE OR TWO SCIENTISTS VISIT R/V MELVILLE WHILE SHE IS IN PORT SUEZ, AND DISCUSS HER OPERATIONS IN RED SEA WITH US SCIENTISTS AND CREW. WE HOPE THIS CAN UNCLASSIFIED

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BE DONE. WE NEED TO KNOW WHEN SHIP WILL DOCK AT SUEZ AND LENGTH OF STAY. ADVISE ASAP. EILTS

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